

1-1 By: Huffines, Campbell S.B. No. 610
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 25, 2017; February 13, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
1-4 April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3; April 24, 2017,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-10	Lucio		X		
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Campbell	X			
1-13	Hall	X			
1-14	Huffines	X			
1-15	Hughes	X			
1-16	Seliger	X			
1-17	Taylor of Collin	X			
1-18	Uresti		X		
1-19	West		X		

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 610 By: Huffines

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the state virtual school network.
1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-25 SECTION 1. Section 30A.101(c), Education Code, is amended
1-26 to read as follows:
1-27 (c) A nonprofit entity, private entity, or corporation is
1-28 eligible to act as a course provider under this chapter only if the
1-29 nonprofit entity, private entity, or corporation:
1-30 (1) complies with all applicable federal and state
1-31 laws prohibiting discrimination;
1-32 (2) demonstrates financial solvency; and
1-33 (3) provides evidence of prior successful experience
1-34 offering online courses to kindergarten or elementary, middle, or
1-35 high school students, with demonstrated student success in course
1-36 completion and performance, as determined by the commissioner.
1-37 SECTION 2. Section 30A.104(a), Education Code, is amended
1-38 to read as follows:
1-39 (a) A course offered through the state virtual school
1-40 network must:
1-41 (1) be in a specific subject that is part of the
1-42 required curriculum under Section 28.002(a);
1-43 (2) be aligned with the essential knowledge and skills
1-44 identified under Section 28.002(c) for a grade level at or above
1-45 kindergarten [~~grade level three~~]; and
1-46 (3) be the equivalent in instructional rigor and scope
1-47 to a course that is provided in a traditional classroom setting
1-48 during:
1-49 (A) a semester of 90 instructional days; and
1-50 (B) a school day that meets the minimum length of
1-51 a school day required under Section 25.082.
1-52 SECTION 3. Section 30A.151(f), Education Code, is amended
1-53 to read as follows:
1-54 (f) For a full-time electronic course program offered
1-55 through the state virtual school network for a grade level at or
1-56 above kindergarten [~~grade level three~~] but not above grade level
1-57 eight, a school district or open-enrollment charter school is
1-58 entitled to receive federal, state, and local funding for a student
1-59 enrolled in the program in an amount equal to the funding the
1-60 district or school would otherwise receive for a student enrolled

2-1 in the district or school. The district or school may calculate the
2-2 average daily attendance of a student enrolled in the program based
2-3 on:

- 2-4 (1) hours of contact with the student;
2-5 (2) the student's successful completion of a course;
2-6 or
2-7 (3) a method approved by the commissioner.

2-8 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
2-9 school year.

2-10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect only if a specific
2-11 appropriation for the implementation of the Act is provided in a
2-12 general appropriations act of the 85th Legislature.

2-13 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-17 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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